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LAPORTE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, June 30, 2008

The LaPorte County Board of Commissioners met in a special session on Monday, June 30, 2008, at 4:00 p.m. in the LaPorte County Complex meeting room #3.

Commissioner President William Hager called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting were Commission President William Hager, Commission Vice President Michael Bohacek, and Commission member Barbara Huston. Also present, LaPorte County Auditor Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Attorney Robert Szilagyi, and Executive Secretary Reathel Noveroske.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Huston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of Re-Trending Contract Addendum and Work Plan with The Nexus Group.

Atty. Shaw Friedman, the Nexus & DLGF meeting went smoothly. Nexus will give weekly reports to the DLGF. The contract addendum met statutory requirements. The approved addendum to the original contract with Nexus is legal, without a bid from other vendors under a special procurement provision allowed by the Indiana Department of Administration. The offer by Nexus to do the re-trending for free and reimburse LaPorte County for the services of an outside accounting firm is a unique opportunity. Should the Board approve the engagement of Nexus and Crowe Chizek today, we will issue a letter to the agency that we have followed the special procurement process.

Mrs. Huston made a motion to accept, second by Mr. Hager.

Mr. Bohacek, I have a question on the motion about the liability clause and the termination provisions. It appears to me that no matter what happens with Nexus or if the work is questioned, that the county will have to absorb all the cost to defend the work. We would have to litigate it in court. The fact that we are not able to get out of the contract except if Nexus loses their certification as a professional appraiser, is of great concern to me. We have an awful lot of liability with this contract.

Mrs. Huston, this is an addendum to the original contract and the original contract has some words that say we can get out of the contract.

Mr. Friedman, the contract has agreed to indemnify to hold harmless the commissioners and assessor from claims and suits from their errors. It also protects the county.

Mr. Bohacek, my concern is that not only is the Assessor, but also the County Commissioners, parties to this contract as well.

Mr. Friedman, the reassessment order references the Assessor as the contracting party. It is important that all stays intact so that both parties perform. It is in Nexus' interest to see this thing through.

Motion carried by roll call vote 2-1.

Consideration of Agreed-Upon purposes engagement with Crowe Chizek

Mrs. Huston made a motion to accept Crowe Chizek for the agreed upon procedure services for property tax retrending, second by Mr. Bohacek, motion carried by roll call vote 3-0.

ADJOURN

Mr. Hager adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m.

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ATTEST: 

Teresa Shuter, LaPorte County Auditor